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League of Women Voters to hold town election candidate forums in March

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A Select Board debate from the 2024 election held by the League of Women Voters of Winchester. The group will once again be sponsoring candidate forums on March 5 and 6 at the Jenks Center. WINCHESTER NEWS FILE PHOTO

The following was submitted by the League of Women Voters:

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Winchester's annual local town wide election will be held on March 22, with all precincts voting at Winchester High School.

The League of Women Voters of Winchester will again sponsor candidate forums at the Jenks Center Cummings Room for all races with more candidates than open seats.

A forum for the Select Board candidates will be held on March 5 and a forum for the School Committee on March 6. Start time on both nights will be 6:30 p.m., when you can meet your Town Meeting representative candidates; forums will start at 7 p.m.

The following are this year's candidates and positions they are running for:

Moderator — Philip Frattaroli

Select Board — Anthea Brady, Dorothy Simboli, Richard Welch Jr., Paras Bhayani

Assessors Board — George Nowell Jr.

Board of Health — Anne Marie Hill

Planning Board — Melissa Mathis

School Committee — Karen Maruyama Bolognese, Stefanie Mnayarji, Christian Nixon

Trustee Library — David Coughlan

Housing Authority — No candidate

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What do you want to know? The League would like to ask everyone, adults and students, to submit your proposed debate questions to candidatequestions@lwvwinchester.org by Feb. 25.

No question is too big, too small, or too controversial. Debate questions will be composed with an eye to relevance, absence of bias, civility, and likelihood of eliciting an informative response from the candidates.

The League will again provide an online Voters Guide with brief submissions from all of these candidates, as well as candidates who are running unopposed, and candidates for Town Meeting.

More info at the LWV website. We thank the Cummings Foundation for its support.

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The following was submitted by the Office of Rep. Michael S. Day: Rep. Michael S. Day and his colleagues in the House of Representatives recently passed energy affordability legislation that would result in over $9 billion in savings for utility ratepayers over the next 10 years. The bill maintains critical

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Winchester gun owners face new training rules starting April 2

Public safety data How Winchester compares on firearms licenses in comparable Massachusetts communities Active licenses as of Jan. 25, 2025 — Source: Massachusetts Criminal History Systems Board License to carry firearms Firearms identification card Winchester and Marblehead are the focus communities. Peers selected based on comparable population size, demographics and suburban

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Sen. Jason Lewis, Mass. Senate strengthen fair housing protections for renters, buyers

The following was submitted by the Office of Sen. Jason Lewis: State Sen. Jason Lewis joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts Senate to pass legislation that protects residents from discrimination in the housing market as the Trump administration abandons its enforcement of the federal Fair Housing Act. Illegal discrimination continues

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Celebrate Women's History Month with Girls Leading Change

The following was submitted by the Network for Social Justice: To mark Women's History Month and International Women's Day in 2026, the Network for Social Justice is collaborating with club leaders from Winchester High School and members of the Community Health team from La Colaborativa in Chelsea and

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By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents “Chicago: Teen Edition,” a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. This iconic production is set in the 1920s. Performances will take place on March 13 and 14

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The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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